

be carried on hunter's person. (Cut out permit if This permit is valid only when signed and must

Signature of Hunter

I have read and understand these regulations.

Wildlife Refuges Hunt Permit D'Arbonne And Upper Ouachita National Refuge Hunting Permit 2000-2001

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National Wildlife Refuge Hunting and Fishing Regulations 2000-2001

Upper Ouachita **D'Arbonne and**

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Introduction

D'Arbonne and Upper Ouachita National Wildlife Refuges are two of over 520 national wildlife refuges. The primary objective of a national wildlife refuge is to provide habitat for the conservation and protection of all species of wildlife. The harvest of animals is one tool used to manage fish and wildlife populations. Carefully managed hunting and fishing maintain these populations at a level compatible with the environment, provide wholesome recreational opportunities, and permit the use of valuable renewable resources.

The regulations in this pamphlet supplement the general regulations governing hunting and fishing on national wildlife refuges as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting and fishing will be in accordance with applicable state regulations except as noted below.

As you use the refuges, take pride in America and the refuge resources. Report violations promptly. Respect the rights of others using the refuge.

Warning

Use caution when operating boats or wading in flooded areas of both refuges. Obstructions/obstacles may be submerged and unmarked.

General Hunting Regulations

A signed refuge hunting permit (front of this brochure) must be carried by all hunters.

Restricted Areas

Permits

Hunting is restricted in certain areas as shown on the hunting maps. No hunting is allowed within the maintained right-ofway of the roads and ATV trails shown on maps. No hunting within Mollicy levee.

Refuge hunting seasons apply to all navigable waterways that are wholly within the refuge boundaries.

Hunters may enter refuges no earlier than 3:00 am and must exit no later than 2 hours after legal shooting hours unless otherwise specified.

Youth

All hunters under age 16 must have old on a big game hunt and no more than two youths under 16 years old on a small game or waterfowl hunt.

Firearmsand

Firearms are permitted only during the refuge gun hunting seasons. Except for Ammunition raccoon hunting, firearms are not allowed on the refuge at night. Firearms larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs and buckshot are allowed only during the refuge gun deer season.

> lead shot smaller than number 4 buckshot is prohibited. Firearms being transported in motorized vehicles, boats,

Safety

All hunters (except waterfowl hunters) must wear hunter orange including an orange hat during the refuge gun deer hunt as per state deer hunting regulations on WMAs.

Disabled

Refuge Manager.

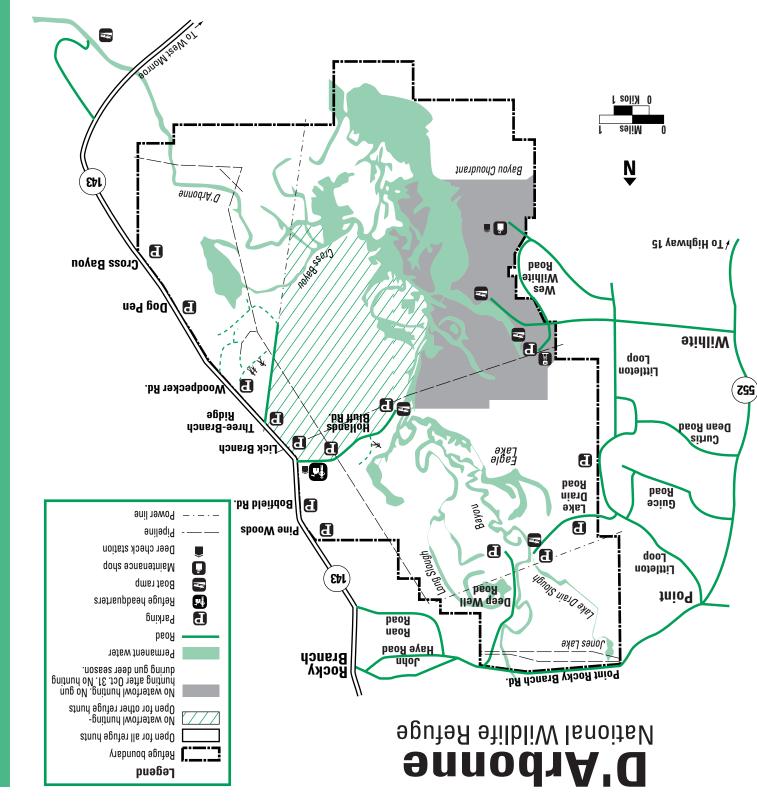
ATVs with a maximum tire pressure of

completed a hunter education course and carry a card or certificate with them. Youths must be closely supervised (in sight and in normal voice contact) by an adult at least 21 years old. An adult may supervise only one youth under 16 years

Use or possession of shells containing and ATVs must be completely unloaded.

Medically certified disabled sportsmen that need assistance should contact the

5 lbs. p.s.i. are permitted only on trails designated for their use (see map). The trails are marked with signs and/or white paint. Designated ATV trails will be closed March 1 through September 15.



Summary of Recent Regulation Changes

- **Possession of lead shot** smaller than Number 4 buckshot is **prohibited** on both refuges.
- All areas of Mollicy Unit outside the Mollicy levee will be open the same as the unrestricted hunting areas on Upper Ouachita west of river.
- Special teal season open for areas of Mollicy unit outside levee.
- Either sex deer and feral hog hunt on Upper Ouachita NWR only; season will be all state designated either sex gun dates (except muzzleloader season) in State Area 2.
- Special either sex deer hunt for wheelchair dependent hunters on D'Arbonne NWR only: November 18-19, 2000.
- 6. Fishing is permitted in designated areas within Mollicy levee. Check with refuge office for information.
- 7. On Upper Ouachita west of river, ATV trails will be closed March 1 through September 15.
- Hunters may enter refuges no earlier than 3:00 am and must exit no later than 2 hours after legal shooting hours unless otherwise specified.
- All hunters (except waterfowl hunters) must wear hunter orange including orange hat during the refuge gun deer hunt.

Prohibited Activities

- Camping
- Open fires
- Littering
- Overnight parking
- Overnight mooring of houseboats
- Target practice
- Taking of wildlife and plants other than specified in refuge regulations.
- Using motorized vehicles off the designated public access roads. This includes motorcycles, ATVs, jeeps, cars, trucks, etc. Parking is restricted to parking areas and along public access roads which are shown on maps.

- Driving or screwing a nail, spike or other metal object into a tree or hunting from any tree in which a nail, spike, or other metal object has been driven or screwed.
- Baiting or hunting over a baited area.
- Participating in deer drives.
- Possessing or using alcoholic beverages while hunting.
- Searching for or removing any object of antiquity, including arrowheads, pottery or other Indian
- Using horses and mules except by special permit.
- Leaving personal property unattended (includes boats, deer stands, blinds, decoys).

Signs and Boundaries

Signs are useful tools in regulating the use of a public area. The wording applies to the areas behind the signs. Pay attention to the signs, watch for boundary corners, and check your location with the maps.



This sign marks the refuge boundary. Public entry by foot is generally authorized at all times on D'Arbonne Refuge and Upper Ouachita Refuge west of the river. However, other refuges in the system may have different regulations concerning general entry. Always know the regulations before entering.



This sign means that the area is closed to all entry. Do not trespass behind this sign for any reason other than emergency. Exception: Fishing is permitted in designated areas within Mollicy levee. Check with refuge office for information.



This sign means no motorized vehicles beyond this point. This applies to all cars, trucks, jeeps, ATVs, and motorcycles. Non-motorized bicycles are allowed.



This sign marks the boundaries of the waterfowl hunting areas on D'Arbonne and Upper Ouachita Refuges west of the Ouachita River.